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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA CB

SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: VIEWS OF ASEAN REPS

1. KHMER PERMREP CHHUT CHHOEUR ON EVENING OF SEP 28  
TOLD US MISOFF THAT AFTER ASIAN WORKING GROUP (AWG)  
MEETING SEP 27, THAI PERMREP ANAND, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING  
FOR ALL ASEAN REPS ON AWG, TOLD HIM THAT THEY CONSIDERED  
CHANCES FOR VICTORY ON KHMER REPRESENTATION WERE POOR.  
ANAND SAID THAT THE ASEAN MEMBERS OF THE AWG WOULD CONTINUE

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TO WORK HARD FOR GKR REPRESENTATION, BUT HE WANTED TO MAKE

SURETHAT CHHUT UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE AWG THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS REALLY WERE, TO INSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING IN CASE OF DEFEAT. ANAND ADDED, SPEAKING ONCE MORE FOR THE ASEAN MEMBERS, THAT THEY FELT A DEFAT IN THE UN WAS NOT THE END FOR THE GKR, AND THAT SPECIFICALLY THAT IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE EITHER IN BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR IN THE SUPPORT FOR THE GKR BY ASEAN COUNTRIES, OR, HE BELIEVED, BY THE US.

2. CHHUT SAID THAT HE REPLIED THAT HE HAD ALWAYS KNOWN THAT HE HAD AN UPHILL FIGHT. HE STILL THOUGHT THAT THE GKR HAD A FIGHTING CHANCE TO WIN, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT ASSUMPTION. CHHUT SAID HE TOLD ANAND THAT HE APPRECIATED HIS FRANKNESS AND HIS SUPPORT.

3. CHHUT ADDED TO US MISOFF THAT HE REALLY FELT THERE WAS A CHANCE - BETTER THAN 40 PER CENT - TO WIN, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD FEEL BETTER IF THE AWG COULD CONCLUDE ITS WORK RAPIDLY. MISOFF AGREED THAT THERE WAS A HARD FIGHT AHEAD, BUT HERE WAS CERTAINLY A CHANCE TO WIN. HE REASSURED CHHUT OF US SUPPORT. CHHUT SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD ALREADY RECEIVED REASSURANCES FROM THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF THE USG DURING PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO THE UN, SO HE WAS NOT WORRIED ON THAT SCORE.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO REPEAT TO BANGKOK. SINGAPORE, KUALA LUMPUR, JAKARTA AND MANILA. SCALI

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